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SUBJ: SUGAR: BULK OF BARBADOS' EXPORTS TO U.K.

REF: BRIDGETOWN 2202

1. ACP AGREEMENT WITH UK/EEC ON AID AND SUGAR IS LIKELY TO RESULT IN SHIPMENT TO UK OF BULK OF 1975 SUGAR CROP FROM BARBADOS. ST. KITTS IS LIKELY TO SPLIT ITS CROP BETWEEN US/UK. REPORTS IN BARBADOS INDICATE THAT IN LIGHT OF NEW UK PRICE OF POUND 260 (US DOLS 624), GOB WILL SHIP ABOUT 40,000 LT TO ITS TRADITIONAL MARKET WITH REMAINDER (ABOUT 17,000 LT) GOING TO US. LIKELY BREAKDOWN OF 1975 BARBADOS' CROP OF 90,000 LT NOW AS FOLLOWS: (DOMESTIC USE - 14,000 LT; CRICOM EXPORT -4,000 LT; FANCY MOLASSES - 5,000 LT; SOLD FORWARD - 10,000 LT; UK - 40,000 LT: US - 17,000 LT).

2. ST. KITTS ESTIMATES ITS 1975 TOTAL CROP AS ABOUT 23,000 LT WITH ABOUT 20,000 LT AVAILABLE FOR EXPORT. INDUSTRY SOURCES
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WOULD STILL LIKE TO SPLIT CROP BETWEEN US AND UK WITH ABOUT 10,000 LT GOING TO EACH MARKET. IN THIS CONNECTION, DIRECTOR OF ST. KITTS SUGAR PRODUCERS' ASSOCIATION TOLD EMBOFF THAT US BUYERS HAD NOT REPEAT NOT APPROACHED ST. KITTS' SALES AGENTS IN LONDON (DESMONT HENDERSON OF HENCKELL-DUBISSON CO., LTD., 2/4 IDOL LANE, LONDON E.C. 3, 5BX). SPA DIRECTOR TOLD EMBASSY THAT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF USDA COULD INFORM APPROPRIATE U.S. BUYERS OF ST. KITTS' INTEREST IN SELLING 10,000 LT TO US MARKET.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT/USDA EFFORTS TO MAKE POTENTIAL US BUYERS AWARE OF ST. KITTS' DESIRE TO SELL 10,000 LT OF SUGAR ON US MARKET. PROSPECTIVE PURCHASERS SHOULD CONTACT LONDON SALES AGENT (ABOVE).
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